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FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2006☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 180.00**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/698,135
Filing Date	10/31/2003
First Named Inventor	Flynn
Examiner Name	Devore, P.T.
Art Unit	3751
Attorney Docket No.	29422-1

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

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Docket No. 29422-1
03-AQP-315 (JAC)
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Flynn
Application No. : 10/698,135
Filing Date : October 31, 2003
Title : VALVE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD
Examiner : Devore, P.T.
Art Unit : 3751
Confirmation No. : 2828

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner:

1. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 36 C.F.R. §§§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-referenced application and are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider these items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

2. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

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4. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) this Supplemental IDS is being filed *after* the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but *before* the mailing date of either: a Final Office Action under C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under C.F.R. § 1.311, whichever occurs first. Accordingly, this Supplemental IDS is accompanied by:

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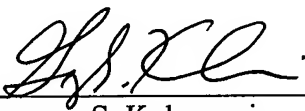
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5. The relevance with respect to DE 4342577 listed on Form PTO/SB/08A is submitted on the basis of the accompanying English language version of the European Search Report, which issued in the corresponding European patent application.

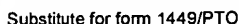
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Respectfully Submitted,

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